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"FORBIDDEN CARGO"

BY

Frederick Kennedy Myton
Starring Evelyn Brent

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Story & Scenario by Frederick Kennedy Myton ✓
Directed by Tom Buckingham ✓
Assistant Director Pan Berman ✓
A Gothic Production ✓
Photographed by Silvia Balboni ✓
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Reels - 5 ✓
Footage -
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CAST

"Captain" Holly O'Day Evelyn Brent
Jerry Burke Robert Ellis
Pietro Castellano Boris Karloff

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Synopsis

"Captain Joe", pretty daughter of Captain Drake, is commander of a rum-running launch, known as the "Josephine", plying over the sea to prohibitive United States territory. His faithful services to the Government have been completely ignored, and Captain Drake has grown into a bitter, cynical old man.

Second in command of the "Josephine" is Pietro Castellino, a fiery Spaniard, who covets Joe's personal favor.

Louisana Smith, proprietor of the Cave, a popular cafe in the city, is in the midst of a celebration when Joe and Pietro arrive before departing on another trip. A stranger to the community wanders in and watches the fuss that is made over Joe with deep disgust. Pietro, noting Joe's interest in the stranger, discovers that the man is Jerry Burk, a member of the Secret Service. He informs Joe of this and she plans her revenge. She purposely lures Jerry to accompany her to the docks, where he is set upon by members of the crew, tied up and taken aboard. On board the launch, Joe denounces Jerry as a spy and forces him to the most menial jobs, taking a keen delight in humiliating him.

The hi-jackers (bootleg pirates) attack the "Josephine". There is a furious fight between the two crews, during which Jerry escapes to a boat that he lowers from the launch. Joe sees him and starts after him. Her enemy takes a shot at her. She falls over the rail into Jerry's arms and he is forced to take her with him. The hi-jackers are subdued, some killed and the rest escape. Pietro finds Joe gone and believes the hi-jackers kidnapped her. Not daring to report this to Captain Drake he tells him she was killed.

Jerry and Joe reach a deserted island, and Joe's hatred for Jerry grows to love. Jerry points out to her the havoc she is creating with her run-running trade, and she determines to give it up for good. Pietro discovers their whereabouts, inveigles them to board a launch and when they are at sea, he puts Jerry through unbearable tortures, determined to make him die a slow death. Joe barricades herself in her cabin from where she sights a government cutter and signals an SOS. The marines receive her signal and head for the speed craft.

Jerry is strung up by his thumbs. The cutter is sighted. Pietro lights a fuse, determined that the "Josephine" shall never be taken. He tries to get Joe out of the cabin but she refuses to take down the barricade. Pietro and the crew escape in small boats, Pietro leaving the door to Joe's cabin locked. She makes a spectacular escape thru the porthole, reaches Jerry's side, cuts him down from his hanging position, and he falls unconscious to the floor. The launch is dynamited, and in the havoc, Joe and Jerry flounder about amidst the debris. Joe makes a brave fight to keep Jerry afloat, and they are picked up by the cutter's crew.

Thru Jerry's efforts, whose father is a Senator in Washington, Captain Drake receives the much belated recognition for his heroism, and the usual happy ending is culminated between the two young people.

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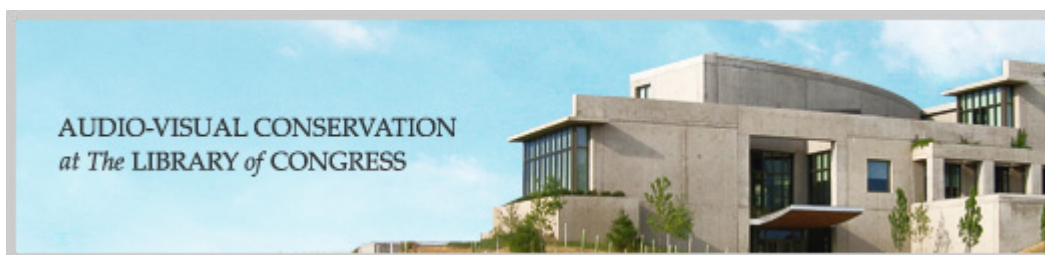
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